

Scoping Process

The public plays an important role in the NEPA process. NEPA provides for an early and open public process for determining the issues, resources, impacts, and alternatives to be addressed in an EIS. This process is referred to as “scoping.” During “scoping,” the goal is to solicit ideas, concerns, and issues from individuals, local, state, and other federal agencies and public and private organizations, which are then included into the EIS.

Your input does make a difference, and we are here tonight because we need your help.

Tonight’s meeting provides the opportunity for you to identify important considerations for the project team. Please participate by providing your input now or later by March 27th through one of the following methods:

E-mail: LACPR_EIS@mvn02.usace.army.mil

Web Site: <http://www.lacpr.usace.army.mil>

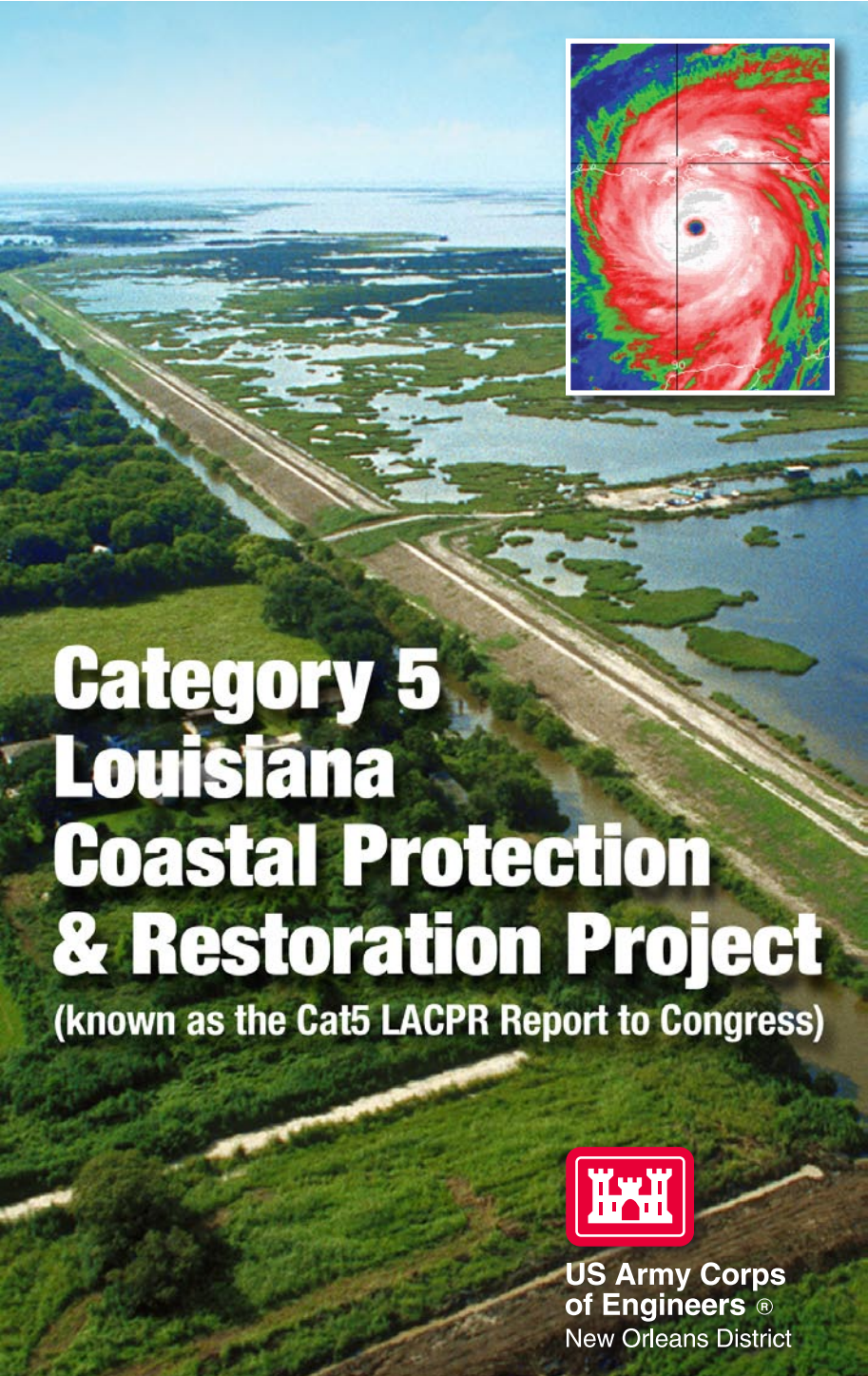
U.S. Mail: LACPR EIS Environmental Manager, CEMVN-PM-R,
PO Box 60267, New Orleans, LA 70160-0267

Physical Address: LACPR EIS Environmental Manager, CEMVN-PM-R,
7400 Leake Ave., New Orleans, LA 70118-3651

Note that while the official deadline to have your comments become part of the *Scoping Document* is March 27th, all comments received after this date will be considered in the ongoing planning activities for the project, which will be complete by December, 2007. The *Scoping Document* will be available for public review by early summer, 2006.


For Additional Information

Please call 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., M-F:
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Category 5 Louisiana Coastal Protection & Restoration Project

(known as the Cat5 LACPR Report to Congress)



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What is the Cat5 LACPR Project?

Congress has directed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in close coordination with the State of Louisiana, to begin a project titled the Category 5 Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Report to identify, describe and propose a full range of flood control, coastal restoration, and hurricane protection measures for south Louisiana.

Representatives from other state, federal and local agencies will be participating on this project. The Corps is reaching out both nationally and globally to scientists, engineers and planners in an effort to collaborate on developing the strongest and best technologies for protection from Category 5 hurricane flooding.

The final report to Congress will be known as the *Cat5 LACPR Report*.

Other Proposed Work Outside of this Effort

- USACE Pump Station Relocations;
- Gulf Intracoastal Waterway/ MRGO and Seabrook Floodgates;
- Levee investigations;
- Levee armoring; and
- Other improvements to existing levees.

These projects are currently proposed by the Administration. Congress may direct the USACE to include one or more of these

Project Considerations

The **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)** of 1969 requires federal agencies to include environmental values into their decision-making processes by considering the environmental impacts of their proposed actions and reasonable alternatives to those actions. "Scoping" meetings are held to receive public comment on possible actions to be taken or considered. Public involvement is required and included, where appropriate, throughout the process, preparation and publication of the NEPA document, the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS), due for public release in early spring, 2007.



features into the Cat5 LACPR Project in the future before the proposed December 2007 completion date.

Proposed Action

The PEIS will describe and evaluate proposed action and alternatives, including the no-action alternative. The PEIS will highlight the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of implementing flood control, coastal restoration and hurricane protection measures for south Louisiana. Effects to communities, natural resources, and infrastructure will be evaluated.

The proposed action and reasonable alternatives for the LACPR include:

Structural alternative, which is flood protection consisting of a contiguous line of earthen or concrete walls, along southern coastal Louisiana connected at various locations, as needed, by floodgates and other devices to provide protection against a storm surge originating from the Gulf of Mexico produced by a Category 5 hurricane.

Structural alternative with large scale coastal restoration to provide protection against a storm surge originating from the Gulf of Mexico produced by a Category 5 hurricane.

Non-structural alternative, consisting only of environmental or coastal restoration measures to provide protection against a storm surge originating from the Gulf of Mexico produced by a Category 5 hurricane. Other non-structural measures, such as raising or moving structures to meet existing or revised flood plain base elevations, would be a part of any proposed action alternative.

And the **no-action alternative**, which would maintain current levels of flooding protection against a Category 3 hurricane.

